

Furlow Log House
AL-III-B-150
North of Route 51
Spring Gap
ca. 1860

Furlow Log House stands on land surveyed by John Hoyer in 1841. The executor of Hoyer's will sold a 308 acre tract to Samuel D. Furlow in 1860, and most likely this log house was built on it shortly thereafter. The house originally consisted of a one and a half story, three bays wide log structure with "V" notching, a common construction technique used by many rural Allegany County residents. Logs were a functional building material in this area of abundant forests. The house is a reminder of a common type of rural dwelling and of 19th century farmers in eastern Allegany County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Furlow Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North of Route 51

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Newton K. Robey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21560

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 194

Folio #: 556

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-III-B-150

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Furlow Log House is located north of Maryland Route 51 near Spring Gap.

This house originally consisted of a one and one half story, three bays wide log structure with "V" notching. It rests on a low foundation of random rubble with no apparent water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of cornice and soffit. One centrally located replaced chimney is made of brick. There is evidence that a stone chimney stood outside end on the northeast.

The main entrance is in the center of the northwestern facade with a replaced door. Windows are mostly pegged six over six lights. A replaced shed roofed porch is on the northwest. A one bay wide, gabled, board and batten addition on the southwest rests on stones at the corners.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This acreage was surveyed by John Hoyer, who received a patent for the land on March 30, 1841.⁽¹⁾ Hoyer had bound himself to convey land to Samuel D. Furlow November 14, 1846, but died before this conveyance was completed.⁽²⁾ However, in 1860, Furlow did get the 308 acre tract from the executor of Hoyer's will.⁽³⁾ Most likely this house was built shortly thereafter. Furlow defaulted on a mortgage, and an equity case resulted. The order nisi from Equity 4086 mentions 75 acres of cleared land and two good dwelling houses.⁽⁴⁾

This house is constructed of "V" notched logs, a common construction practice used by many rural Allegany County residents. Logs were a functional building material in an area of abundant forests.

Furlow Log House is a tribute to and a reminder of a common county-wide building practice and of a way of life experienced by 19th century farmers.

- (1) Allegany County Surveyor's Index, Liber #, Folio 13.
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 19, Folio 5
- (3) Ibid.
- (4) Allegany County Equity 4086

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records

Allegany County Surveyor's Index

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 114 Acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator
Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

4/23/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

County Office Building, 3 Pershing Street

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cumberland,

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Furlow Log House
North of Route 51
Spring Gap, Maryland

Allegany County Deed: Liber 194, Folio 556
Grantee: Newton K. Robey, et ux
Grantor: Lionel M. Piper, et ux
Notes: 118½ Acres, part of Malone farm

Date: November 10, 1942

Allegany County Deed: Liber 183, Folio 550
Grantee: Lionel M. Piper
Grantor: Edward J. Ryan, Trustee
Notes: Result of equity #14,660

Date: May 18, 1939
Consideration: \$18,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 105, Folio 189
Grantee: John W. Malone, et ux
Grantor: Thomas Middleton, et ux
Notes: 118½ Acres

Date: September 21, 1909
Consideration: \$1,850.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 71, Folio 594
Grantee: Thomas & Laura Middleton
Grantor: Jacob Kesser
Notes: 308 Acres

Date: June 1892
Consideration: \$ 2,300.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 71, Folio 496
Grantee: Jacob Kesser
Grantor: Richard F. Semmes, Trustee
Notes: In equity #4068 Richard D. Furlow had de-
faulted on mortgage from Kesser.
Mortgagee's sale in equity lists 2
dwelling houses, 308 acres

Date: April 27, 1892
Consideration: \$ 2,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 19, Folio 5
Grantee: Samuel D. Furlow
Grantor: George Smith, Executor of Will of
John Hoyer

Date: March 13, 1860
Consideration: \$616.00

Notes: Hoyer had bound himself in 1846 to convey
land to Furlow, part of "First Part of
Moskova Resurveyed" 1867

Allegany County Surveyor's Index: Liber E, Folio 13

Date: March 30, 1841

Special warrant of office for resurvey of Western
Shore. Confirmed 9,224 5/8 Acres in four tracts.
Patented to John Hoyer, December 1, 1838.

INVENTORY NO: _____ DATE: _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Robey Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: N of Rt 51 Spring Egg

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 340° NW

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: Newton K. Robey L 194/F 556 114 Acres


ph# _____

STORIES: 1 1/2 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 on gabled Board & Batten one Bay rests on stone at corner

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) ADD on S of add shed similar block

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- (☒) LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings 

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Random Rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: Various 2 3/4 1 1/2 1 1/2 some orig 6/6
1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center N

HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards 1

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() NW shingles tarpaper

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(☒)

Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central(☒) Interior()

ARCHES: one outside end stone chimney removed.
Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

CONDITION: _____

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side, double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

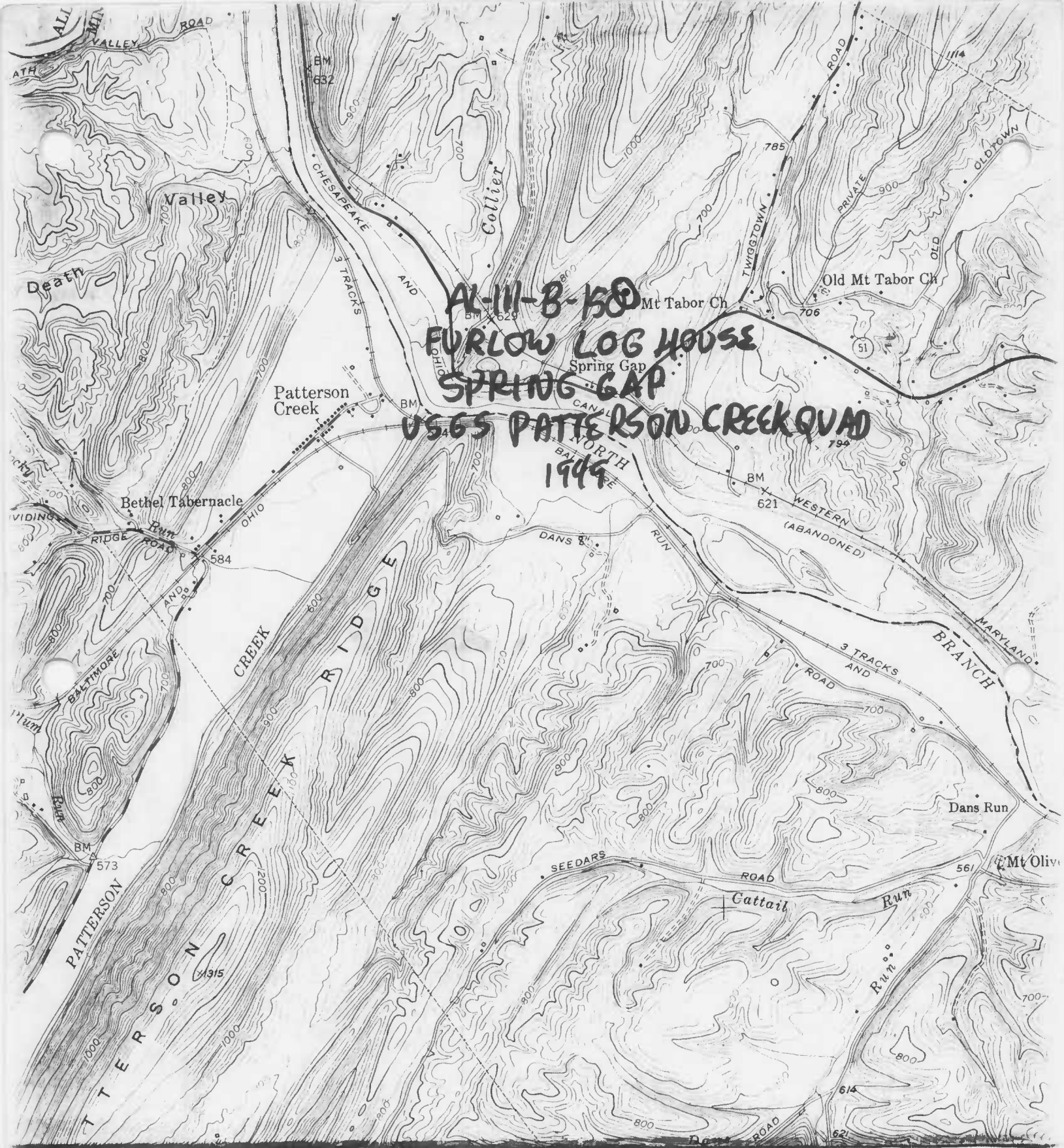
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:





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FURLOW LOG HOUSE

SPRING GAP

David A. Dorsey

9/1/78

East



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FURLOW LOG HOUSE
SPRING GAP

David A - Dorsey
9/7/78

west